AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) and (b) These details are not available as sales turn over of a formulations is not monitored.

(c) and (d) While considering the drugs for possible inclusion in the second schedule of DPCO, 1987, the Kelkar Committee could not reach any conclusion in regard to Oxyphenbutazone and Phenylbutazone.

Import of Triprolidine Polymixin-B Sulphate and Glipizide

@2338. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 741 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the value of imports of Triprolidine, Polymixin-B Sulphate and Glipizide varies from Rs. 36 lakhs to Rs. 208 lakhs per annum;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain companies have monopoly production of formulations based on these drugs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that none of these bulk drugs fulfils any of the exclusion criteria as laid down by the Kelkar Committee; and

(d) the grounds on which the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare agreed to the price decontrol of these drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) The required details to the extent available have already been given in reply to unstarred question 741 referred to in the question.

(b) Production of formulations is not monitored.

(c) and (d) The drugs referred to in part (a) in the question were excluded from price control under DPCO, 1987 as per recommendations of the Kelkar Committee.

Production of Glybenclamide

@@2339. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
DR. (SMT.) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Glybenclamide is an essential drug according to the opinion of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(b) whether it is a fact that the production thereof is monopolised by one company;

(c) what was the price of leading brand Daonil Tablets based on this drug before decontrol and what is the present price;

(d) what is the basis on which two expert members of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Kelkar Committee agreed to its decontrol on the ground that this drug is not essential;

(e) whether his Ministry have called for the reasons; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

@Previously Unstarred Question 1640, transferred from the 1st August, 1989.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1673, transferred from the 1st August, 1989.